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SABBATH SERVICES.

Sabbath School..... 9:30 A. M.
Church Service..... 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Y. P. & C. E. 6:45 P. M.
Junior Y. P. & C. E. 3 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:30 P. M.

Our Midsummer communion service will be held Sabbath morning, July 1. An opportunity will be afforded at this service for the reception of members and for baptism of children.

The following persons were received into the church on Pentecost day: By letter from the St. John's Reformed church, Ft. Wayne, Ind., Henry Doerner; renewal of profession, Mrs. Kutch; confirmation, Henry P. Dinger, Mrs. Elizabeth N. Dinger, Calvin Hosler; baptism and confirmation, Mrs. Alice M. Hosler. We are glad to welcome these friends into Grace church and trust they shall feel at home with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Bottger are having as guests at their home, Mrs. Bottger's father and her little nephew and niece from Tyrone, Pa.

Mrs. F. D. Paulus of Akron, Ohio, came to the city, Wednesday evening, June 13, to attend the marriage of Miss Josephine Zartman and to visit her friends and the members of Grace Church. It is a great privilege to have her with us again and we are sure the members of Grace Church are glad to see her. Mr. and Mrs. Paulus were in a large measure the originators of Grace Church. It was through their earnest effort and prayer that the church was organized. Mr. Paulus was one of the first Elders of the church and the first superintendent of the Sunday School, and for a number of years Mrs. Paulus was the superintendent of the primary department. Grace Church owes much of its success to their devotion and untiring efforts. Though away from the church for a number of years Mrs. Paulus has not lost any of her interest in the church. She will remain in the city for some time, our only regret is that she cannot remain all the time.

Mrs. Gavin and Mrs. A. M. Henderson have both been unable to get out to the services for some time on account of rheumatic ailments.

JUNE WEDDINGS—At the Parish home, Saturday morning, June 9th, Mr. Harvey A. Bryant and Miss Susannah B. Hites, both of Fort Wayne. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant took the train for the East where they will visit the bride's parents and other friends. After their return they will reside at 520 Madison Street.

(Journal-Gazette, Friday morning, June 15)

Grace Reformed church was the scene of a beautiful wedding Thursday evening, June 14th, when Miss Josephine Conrad Zartman, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. K. Zartman, became the bride of the Rev. H. Berleman Diefenbach, pastor of the First Reformed Church, Bluffton, Ind. The pulpit was massed with palms, ferns and hydrangeas, and a fine musical program was rendered by Mr. Harry Ross, violinist, accompanied by Miss Marie Spiegel on the piano, during the half hour preceding the ceremony. Their selections were "Angels' Serenade," "Simple Confession" and Jocelyn's "Berceuse." At 8 o'clock the march in Lohengrin was played as the bridal party entered. The Rev. Parley Zartman, of New York, a cousin of the bride, entered from the south aisle, followed by the groom and his best man, Mr. O. G. Schmidt, of Chicago, and the ushers, who were Mr. Charles Studabaker and Mr. Alfred Saurer of Bluffton; Mr. Frank Ruf, of Tiffin, O.; Mr. Walter Close, Mr. Bernard Hattle and Mr. Harry Moelering of Fort Wayne. When they had taken their places at the chancel, the bridesmaids, Miss Jennie Huston, of

Albion, Ind., and Miss Ruth Neikerk, of Tiffin, O., college mates of the bride; Miss Anna Heyman and Miss Gertrude Thompson, of this city, entered the north door and proceeded up the centre aisle. They wore dainty white mull gowns, trimmed with white baby ribbon, blue silk shower sashes, wreaths of forget-me-nots in their coiffures, and carried white peonies. Miss Ruth Gumper followed, acting as flower girl. She was gowned in light-blue radium silk and carried a large blue silk hat filled with forget-me-nots and maidenhair ferns. The bride entered on the arm of her father, the Rev. A. K. Zartman, who performed the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. Parley Zartman. The bride made a handsome appearance. The bridal gown was an exquisite importation of lace over white taffeta, made with demi-train. She wore her mother's bridal veil and orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet of Golden Gate roses, the groom's fraternity flower, and his favorite rose. During the impressive ceremony the musicians played Mendelssohn's "Spring Song." The ring service was used. After Dr. Zartman had pronounced them man and wife, the Rev. Parley Zartman pronounced the benediction, and to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march the bridal party entered the church parlor to receive the congratulations of their friends. The room was decorated with palms and ferns, and a large basket of white carnations stood at the left of the bride. Mrs. A. K. Zartman, mother of the bride, who received with them, was gowned in pearl gray silk trimmed with black lace, and car-

ried pink and white roses. The dining-room was decorated with ferns, and the table centerpiece was a basket of bride roses, while crystal candlesticks with blue hoods and candles completed the table decorations. Miss Spiegel played "Hearts and Flowers" during the reception. Punch was served by Bertha Bitner and Cherrill Drukenbrod. Mrs. Charles Gumpfer invited the guests into the dining-room where refreshments were served by Mesdames Frank Leikauf, John Bottger, Walter Close, assisted by the Misses Estella Bottger, Nellie Huntsman, Anna Doermer and Juanita Heyman. Both the bride and groom as well as Rev. and Mrs. A. K. Zartman are graduates of Heidelberg university, Tiffin, O. Among the out-of-town guests were the Rev. and Mrs. Parley Zartman, of New York, who are spending the summer at Winona, and Mrs. Frank Paulus, of Akron, O. Rev. and Mrs. Diefenbach left on a wedding trip, but did not disclose their destination. A beautifully furnished parsonage awaits their home-coming at Bluffton.

DEATHS

Mrs. Martha Kayler, died at Kempton Ill., Sunday, June 3rd. She was born in Allen Co., Ind., Feb. 14, 1870. She was aged 36 years, 3 months and 19 days. Mrs. Kayler resided in Fort Wayne until a few years ago when she went to reside with her daughter at Kempton, Ill. After her death her two daughters brought the body to this city for burial. The funeral was held at the home of her sister, Mrs. Alfred Barbier, on East Butler St., Wednesday afternoon, June 6. Her

two daughters, her father, one sister and two brothers survive her.

Mrs. Louis Bercot died at the family residence on South Hanna St., Tuesday afternoon, June 5th. She was born in the Canton Berne, Switzerland, Nov. 11, 1831. She was aged 74 years, 6 months and 11 days. She came to America with her parents when at the age of nine years. The family first located in Fort Wayne, then moved to Wells County, Ind. and located on a farm six miles east of Bluffton. At the age of 19 she returned to Fort Wayne and was married to Louis Bercot, Nov. 26, 1858. Shortly after their marriage they located on a farm south of the city where she resided at the time of her death. Mrs. Bercot was an industrious woman and a devoted wife and mother. She united with the Grace Reformed Church six years ago. For two or three months she had been in failing health, though it was not thought that there was any immediate danger. The end came unexpectedly, and she passed away in a moment of time. She leaves to mourn her death, two sons, one daughter and two sisters. The funeral service was conducted by the pastor at the church Friday afternoon, June 8. May the Lord comfort these friends in their sorrow and bereavment.

The Memorial Day services at Grace Church, May 27, was full of inspiration and patriotism. We had a splendid audience both in size and spirit. The Civil War veterans may be growing in years, but they are not losing any of their old time patriotism.

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REV. A. K. ZARTMAN, Editor and Publisher.

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Miss Katie Miller is improving some but is not able to be out very much of the time.

Mrs. Zartman's father came to the city Saturday, June 2. He is here for the Summer.

Since our last issue of the Visitor, Miss Esther Katt has been to the Hope Hospital for an operation and has recovered and gone to her home.

Wednesday morning, June 13, Mrs. Stringer was operated on at Hope Hospital. The operation was successful and she is doing very well.

Mrs. Licktenwalter has not been feeling so well for a week past. They are now residing on Putnam Street near Hoffman.

Mrs. Steadly who was at St. Joseph Hospital for a few weeks is again at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Everet on Hoffman St. Her condition remains about the same.

The Young Men's Welcome Committee held its meeting for the month of June at the home of Mr. Henry Doermer, on Hayden St. The young men had a good social time and transacted the usual routine of business. At the close of the meeting they were served to an elaborate luncheon. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. William Hilbish, Monday evening, July 8.

Mr. Harry Metzner, treasurer of the piano fund will be pleased to receive subscriptions from any of the young people of the church. The piano is used in the Sunday School room and the C. E. is paying for it. Help pay the small balance still due by conferring with Mr. Metzner.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF CLASSIS—St. Joseph Classis met in annual session as previously announced in the Visitor, June 6, at Culver, Ind. Grace Church had four representations at the Classiscal meetings this year. Mrs. Frank Leikauf, Miss Anna Doermer, Mrs. Zartman and the pastor. Preceding the meeting of Classis the Classical Sunday School Convention had its sessions. We were detained on account of a funeral, so did not arrive at Culver until after the adjournment of the S. S. Convention. The opening sermon of Classis was preached by Rev. H. S. Gekeler of Indianapolis. Rev. H. A. Welker of Bluffton, Ind. was elected president of Classis for the present year. All the ministers in the Classis were present, and presented very encouraging reports of their years work. The paster and people of the Reformed church at Culver gave the members of Classis a very cordial welcome and the very best entertainment. The church at Culver is at present going through a process of rebuilding and enlarging, in consequence of which the sessions of Classis were held in the M. E. Church. The paster of the Culven Charge, Rev. S. E. Kloppenstein has been doing very earnest and good work in this parish. The little town of Culver is located on

a beautiful lake and is quite a Summer resort. On Thursday afternoon the members of Classis and the Woman's Missionary Society took a boat ride on the lake and also visited the Military Academy which is located on the East side of the lake. The Excursion on the lake was a very happy affair and a most delightful change for the members of Classis. Thursday evening the Women's Missionary Society had an open meeting. The singing by the choir and the addresses by Rev. D. B. Shuey and Superintendent of Missions, Rev. D. H. Sonder were instructive and stirring appeal to the people. Class is adjourned Friday afternoon, June 8, to meet in annual session next year at Bluffton, Ind. The Woman's Missionary Society made a good record for the year and had very interesting sessions. Mrs. H. S. Gekeler was elected president for the coming year. Mrs. A. K. Zartman, vice president, Miss Nettie Bender, Secretary, Mrs. Geo. Longaker, Cor. Secretary and Mrs. Frank Leikauf, Treasurer. The pastor and wife were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Urias Menzer, to whom we are under many obligations for the hospitality and kindness which they extended to us.

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TOPICS AND LEADERS.

JULY

1. Humility the foundation. Matt. 20:20-28; I Pet. 5:5. B. C. Hattel.

8. Forgiveness. Matt. 6:14, 15.

Bertha Bitner.

15. Friendship. Prov. 17:17; 18:24; 27:9, 17, 19; Eccl. 4:9-10, Cherrill Drukenbrod.

22. Prayer, Matt. 14:23-26, 36-44.

Elsie Weikart.

29. South American Missions. II Cor. 11:23-30. Missionary Committee.

Note.—Leaders will please start meeting on time. Give the information Committee 5 minutes for report before the lesson.

Active members are always prepared to take part in the meeting.

The C. E. Business Meeting will be held Tuesday evening, July 10, at Robison Park.

Wednesday evening, June 20th, Dr. Coblenz gave a dinner and reception at his home on Douglas Ave., in honor of Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Diefenbach. The other guests invited were the members of the church choir and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gumpper, Miss Nellie French, the pastor and wife, and a few others, of the Doctor's friends. The Doctor entertained his guests royally. While the five course dinner was served, Prof. and Mrs. Plumadore furnished some very fine selections of music. The guests were furnished with some souvenirs which they prize very highly.

Thursday evening, June 28, the Sunday School will have another of its popular Penny Socials. The penny tickets are for admittance only. There will be candy, cookies, popcorn, ice cream for sale.

Mr. Hilbish has gone into business for himself. He does steam fitting, plumbing etc. His number is 827 East Columbia St. He is a first class workman. When you need any work done in his line, you will do well to employ him.

Rev. Parley E. Zartman D. D. will be with us at our communion service, Sabbath morning, July 1st. He will assist in the communion and preach for us at the evening service.

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